

Explosions Rock Ohio Propane Site. One man died, five were hospitalized after explosions and a fire at a propane company in Batavia, Ohio. More than a dozen businesses were evacuated as teams kept the blaze from spreading to several large nearby tanks...

Preparedness: Specialized Training

- Specialized teams for incident command, entry, administration, de-contamination, communications, emergency medical services, triage, safety and security,
- Members with chemical background to assist with the identification of chemicals, their hazards, and determination of appropriate responses to minimize exposure.



- Training includes NYS Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations and Technician; decontamination; emergency medical technician; entry suit certification, familiarization with OSHA standards.

- Participation in drills and exercises simulating response to possible incidents.

- Pre-planning assistance whenever requested for facilities with hazardous materials.
- Specialized training in response to incidents involving pesticides, poisons, toxic emergencies and weapons of mass destruction.
- Personnel trained to render assistance with the use of specialized equipment and instrumentation, including absorbents, encapsulated suits, decontamination equipment, detection and monitoring devices.

Chemical Plant Fire Forces Evacuation. Employees and nearby residents were evacuated after a fire broke out in a chemical-packaging plant. Emergency response teams had to use extreme caution in controlling the blaze due to the bulk agricultural pesticides, powders and cleansers located in the building,

Responsiveness: Specialized Assistance

- ⇒ Response to Richardson Milling fire in Hamburg. Active fire with agricultural pesticides.
- ⇒ 500 gallons of gasoline leaked from a Mobil Mart underground line and seeped to the surface in Orchard Park.
- ⇒ Colden train derailment with cars placarded for chlorine, sulfuric acid and formaldehyde.
- ⇒ Chlorine release at West Seneca Town Pool results in quick response, containment and minimal exposure to town residents.
- ⇒ Tear gas release incident in Hamburg required response, evacuation and location determination.
- ⇒ Atlas Plastics fire in Orchard Park, gas station leak in Big Tree, and Kloiber Auto recycling fire in Colden result in need for Southtowns Haz-Mat Team.



⇒ Hydrochloric acid spill from tank truck required fast action and containment.

- ⇒ Anthrax scares in West Seneca, Elma and East Aurora bring out the Southtowns Haz-Mat Team to assist with what is considered a terrorist threat by Presidential Declaration PDD-39.

Fumes Sicken Shoppers. Two hundred people were evacuated from a supermarket after fumes caused shoppers and employees to experience burning eyes, chest pain and difficulty breathing from ammonia fumes.

Advantages: Compliance and Benefits

- ◆ Your contract fulfills compliance with Federal Regulations, CFR 29 §1910.120 requiring a designated response plan.
- ◆ Trained team leader(s), full team and/or all necessary equipment in response to an incident in your community.
- ◆ Assistance with pre-plans and exercises with facilities which have or contain hazardous materials.
- ◆ Upon request, free annual OSHA Awareness training to cover all personnel.
- ◆ Participating as a subscribing member of our Team minimizes your hazardous materials incident response costs. In other words, it is the cheapest insurance available.
- ◆ We will provide you with assistance for billing the spiller as provided by law.
- ◆ *The Incident Commander of your jurisdiction is always in charge. We never take over an incident.*

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